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WAITING LIST OF TELEPHONE CONNECTION IN GUJRAT

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of the persons listed in the waiting list for telephone connections in Gujarat as on October 31,2004, district-wise;
- (b) the time by which they are likely to be provided with telephone connection; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) The waiting list for telephone connection in Gujarat Telecom Circle is 57687 as on 31.10.2004. The district wise waiting list is given in the Annexure.

(b) It is planned to provide connections to the wait-listed applicants likely by March, 2006.

(c) Most of the waiting list is in far-flung areas, which cannot be economically covered by laying of underground cable. As such, the waiting list is planned to be covered by installation of WLL (Wireless in Local Loop) system. As per BSNL's policy, at least one WLL BTS is being planned in each SDCA (Short Distance Charging Area). 69 SDCAs have already been covered by WLL services. The remaining SDCAs are likely to be covered during 2005-2006.

Annexure

DISTRICT WISE WAITINGLIST AS ON 31.10.2004

SL.NO.	NAME OF TELECOM DISTRICT	WAITING LIST
1.	Ahmedabad (including Gandhinagar)	3154
2.	Amreli	584
3.	Bharuch (including Narmada)	922
4.	Bhavnagar	2891
5.	Bhuj	3779
6.	Godhra (including Dahod)	2483
7	Himmatnagar	3078
8.	Jamnagar	3562
9.	Junnagarh (Porbandar)	6735
10.	Mehsana (Patan)	4294
11.	Nadiad (Anand)	4296
12.	Palanpur	6085
13.	Rajkot	5423
14.	Surat	2597
15.	Surendranagar	2026
16.	Vadodra	1947
17	Valsad (including Dang & Navsari)	3831

Total 57687